

CHAPTER SEVEN

OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC POLICY

SECTION 1. BICYCLES

1. Pedestrians shall have the right of way on any city sidewalk.
2. No person not carrying a light, bell and reflector located at rear, shall ride a bicycle on any of the public streets of the city after dark.
3. All bicycles which travel on public ways in city limits shall be registered with the City Police Department. A fee of \$.50 cents will be charged for said registration.

SECTION 2. SLEDS AND SKATEBOARDS OR LIKE CONVEYANCES

1. Sledding, coasting, or skateboarding or other like means of conveyance is prohibited on all city streets within the city limits and on city sidewalks along both sides of Main Street from the Otter Creek Bridge north to East Street, Park Street, North Green Street, North Maple Street north to North Street, Green Street south to Short Street, South Maple Street south to School Street, South Water Street south to School Street, School Street east from South Maple Street to East Street, and within the City Green.

Enforcement: This ordinance is enacted by the City Council to promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the City under the authority it is granted to regulate the use of public highways, sidewalks, and parks set forth in 24 V.S.A. Section 2291 and Section 11 of the Vergennes City Charter. This ordinance shall constitute a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

Waiver Fee: An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty, in the following amount for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee.

First Offense	\$20.00
Second and Subsequent Offenses	\$50.00

Civil Penalties:

An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts for each violation:

First Offense	\$ 40.00
Second and Subsequent Offenses	\$100.00

SECTION 3. FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

The use of rockets, squibs, firecrackers, explosives, firearms, air rifles and other articles of an explosive nature in the streets, commons and parks of the City is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 4. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

A person shall not engage in such acts or activities which are committed or done with the intent to cause public inconvenience or annoyance or recklessly creating a risk thereof, such as the following:

1. Fighting or in violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior; or
2. Unreasonable noise; or
3. Using abusive or obscene language in the City Park or other public places; or
4. Disturbing any lawful assembly or meeting of persons without lawful authority; or
5. Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

SECTION 5. UNLAWFUL USE OF RECYCLING FACILITIES

The unauthorized use of the recycling facilities by any person, as defined in Chapter One, Section 3 of the Ordinances of the City of Vergennes, shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

Definitions:

“Unauthorized Use” shall mean the disposal or attempted disposal of recycling materials by any person with a place of residence other than the Towns, organizations, or individuals authorized by the City Council to use the recycling facilities.

“Recycling Facilities” shall mean any and all land and equipment, owned, leased, or managed by the City of Vergennes for the purpose of receiving, disposing and/or processing of recycling materials.

“Recycling Materials” shall mean recyclable materials considered acceptable for recycling by the Addison County Solid Waste Management District.

“Place of Residence” shall mean the documented legal residence or documented proof of property ownership.

Enforcement: This ordinance is enacted by the City Council under the authority it is granted to regulate the use of public facilities set forth in 24 V.S.A. Section 2291 and Section 11 of

the Vergennes City Charter. This ordinance shall constitute a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59. Police officers of the City of Vergennes, and persons authorized as agents of the City by the City Manager shall be authorized to act as Issuing Municipal Officials to issue and pursue before the Judicial Bureau a municipal complaint.

Waiver Fee: An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty, in the following amount for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee.

First Offense	\$40.00
Second and Subsequent Offenses	\$100.00

Civil Penalties: An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts for each violation:

First Offense	\$ 80.00
Second and Subsequent Offenses	\$200.00